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Identical letters dated 5 July 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing once again to inform you of the dangerous and destabilizing behaviour of Iran and of its continuous support and funding of its proxy Hezbollah.

A decade has passed since the Security Council adopted resolution 1701 (2006). And yet, Hezbollah, an internationally recognized terror group, continues its military build-up in violation of the aforementioned resolution. These flagrant violations are supported and funded by Iran, Hezbollah's main benefactor.

The evidence of these violations is mounting each day. While in the past Hezbollah made an effort to hide its illegal activities, today they're openly declared and are overwhelmingly apparent. On 24 June, Hassan Nasrallah, the Secretary-General of Hezbollah, admitted in an interview that "Hezbollah's budget and its expenses are coming from the Islamic Republic of Iran ... Our allocated money is coming to us in the same way we receive our rockets with which we threaten Israel".

Just a week after this statement, Brigadier General Hossein Salami, the second-in-command of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), boasted "Today, only in Lebanon, more than 100,000 Qaem missiles are ready for launch ... these missiles would come down on the heart of the Zionist regime and be the prelude for a big collapse in the modern era".

Not only do Iranian and Hezbollah officials proudly, and publicly, describe Iran's ongoing activities, which are in clear violation of resolutions 2231 (2015), 1701 (2006) and 1559 (2004), but they continue to openly issue violent threats against the State of Israel.

As the threat posed by Iran and its proxy Hezbollah is growing every day, it is clear that turning a blind eye is not an option. It is imperative that the Council act now to put an end to the flow of illicit arms to Hezbollah.

The Security Council must strongly condemn Iran for its destabilizing role in the region. The Council must also demand that Iran fully comply with resolutions 2231 (2015), 1701 (2006) and 1559 (2004) and immediately stop transferring weapons to terrorist organizations.

Furthermore, the Council should hold the Government of Lebanon accountable for its obligation under resolution 1701 (2006).

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Only the full implementation of these Security Council resolutions can ensure security and stability in the Middle East.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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